Chhattisgarh

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Accural	Value of Projects Sanctioned	Released	Utilisation
1999-2000	—	—	—	—
2000-2001	23.03	64.68	7.68	7.68
2001-2002	22.56		15.36	29.77

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Ministry has approved projects for improvement of State Roads of 1041 kms and 581.50 Kms in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh respectively during the last 3 years.

Ban on Writing Number Plates in Hindi

†5384. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Vahano par Hindi main likhit number platon par pratibandh" appearing in the "Rashtriya Sahara" dated the 23rd January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said orders have been given as per directions of any court; and

(d) whether Government propose to order an enquiry into the reasons for imposing such ban on use of naitonal language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vehicles registered in State/UT can ply throughout the country. Since different States have their own languages, the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 provides that the letter of the registration mark shall be in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

English and the figures shall be in Arabic numerals. This is to ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the public in any part of the country. However, at the same time vide notification No. S.O. 827 (E) dated 11.11.1992, States are empowered to notify the use of an additional registration plate displaying letters and figures in any other Indian languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India.

(c) The Ministry is not aware of any court order in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Allocation to Punjab from CRF

5385. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to Punjab from the Central Road Fund during the last two years to improve condition of Roads;

(b) the works undertaken and accomplished in the State during the said period; and

(c) the funds to be allocated during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Central Road Fund is a non-lapsable. Initially one third amount of actual accrual was released. Thereafter funds are released on the basis of utilization. Accruals and releases of fund during the last two years are given below:

(Rs. crore)

	Accrual	Release
2000-2001	42.99	14.33
2001-2002	41.16	10.27

(b) 75 works amounting to Rs. 156.64 crore were administratively approved and 8 works amounting to Rs. 15.42 crore were completed.

(c) Accrual for the current year is Rs. 40.43 crore. Fund will be released on the basis of utilization by Punjab Government.